

SHEENA'S SECRET OF THE INCREDULOUS DEATH-SPELL

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ITTLE did Sheena, or Bob, realize when they left the clearing and headed for the jungle that awaiting them was the most thrilling of adventures.

It began quite suddenly when Sheena reached for a vine rope to pull herself up to the trees where she could travel swiftly and unhampered from limb to limb, through space.

Bob, her constant companion, was by her side, but it was obvious that his presence did not please her this time.

"You are not jungle-born, Bob, and the natives will not allow you to attend the ceremony. Again I ask you not to follow me."

"What! And miss a chance to see the bride! Try and stop me!" Bob was shrugging the subject off with a joke, but it froze on his lips... for the vine that Sheena held, suddenly writhed!

Nature's camouflage was clever. Even to an experienced eye a python hanging full length from a bough could be mistaken for thick vine growth. And it was a python, not a vine, Sheena was clutching as she swung fifty feet in the air!

With a snap of its body, it hauled the jungle queen higher, twisting its giant tail to form a vise. Horrified, Bob pulled his revolver . . . to acquire an aim at such a target was an accom-

plishment, but to wound the python fatally would be impossible from that angle.

Realizing her plight, Sheena wrenched her dagger from her belt. The pressure about her slim waist was shutting off her strength, but with her one free arm, she plunged the weapon into the scaly foe. The thrust was deep and its effect was evident . . . first a violent contraction, then the python straightened out in the manner of a whip that's been cracked in the air. With a cry Sheena dropped downward and in a flash, Bob was by her side, frantic with fear.

"Sheena . . ."

Her eyes were open and she tried to flash an encouraging smile. "It's all right, Bob . . . my ankle . . ."

Tenderly Bcb examined her in jury. Aside from heavy scratches on her arms the worst trouble was a badly twisted leg. Her ankle lost no time registering its complaint, it was already swelling.

"I'm going to find a yomo leaf, honey. That will bring the swelling down in no time."

"But it will mean going back as far as the swamp. . . ."

"Never mind that, you just sit 'tight." Bob knew the pain she was suffering.

As he hurried off to search

for the healing herb, Sheena bit her lip in pain, yet her thoughts were of the delay her injury would cause.

The wedding was an important one and so great was the formality of the B'wsin tribe that they would delay the ceremony to await a guest.

But then she heard footsteps.

Bob's sudden return was a pleasant surprise . . . yet he was not alone . . . there were others . . . who could they be? Something warned her to keep silent.

Her foreboding was not without cause for a few seconds later three burly natives came into view. Between them they carried a bulging grass sack that revealed the outlines of a body! Sheena became tense and watchful for it was evident that the expedition was not anxious to be seen.

Hastily they dug a shallow grave, deposited the body and pushed the earth over it. Throughout this performance, they remained silent. But as they trampled the mound into a flat surface, one of them began to softly chant into the air, "Spirit of the Ever-Sleeping, keep silenced the lips of Dola and prevent the marriage that would force us to befriend our mortal enemies, the tribe of Twai."

In a great hurry they left and

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not a moment too soon, for Bob's shadow broke through the brush and in a moment he was by Sheena's side, his arms filled with long stemmed greens. Sheena lifted her fingers to her lips to prevent him from being overheard by the departing figures. Then she spoke in hushed excitement.

"Hurry, Bob. Something dreadful has happened...."

"What now? I had to bring every weed I could find in order to be sure I had the yoma . . . thought I knew it but all the foliage confused me . . . still in pain . . ?"

"I feel nothing but rage, Bob. Quickly, let me sort out the yoma to apply to my leg and as I do so hear my story."

Bob listened in astonishment as he treated the swollen ankle.

"That girl will have to be dug up...she is not dead, Bob!"

"Not dead! She is now"

"You shall see, Strange are the things jungle magic can do. But this is done in evil." Sheena stood on her foot for the first time and it made her wince but she remained standing.

A few minutes later they dug up the slight form of a native girl. Sheena poured clear, cold water from the stream between her lips and soon breath and voice came.

"Sheena! Oh, why didn't you let me sleep on until death shut off my broken heart. Now they will kill him who was to be my mate. They will stop at nothing to prevent this wedding!"

"And I will stop at nothing to see that it takes place, little one. No man has the right to stand between those who choose each other for mates. That is the law of the jungle."

"I cannot go back to the settlement. There is a curse on me..."

In terror, the girl moaned and

rocked her body back and forth, while Sheena leaned to comfort her.

"Hush, little one, so I can think . . . or perhaps you have an idea. Bob?"

"I'm no help. Don't know that much about customs, but I do know that yomo leaf belped your ankle. Look at it, all in shape!"

"Bob! I have it! Your words gave me a wonderful idea! Quickly we must get all the yomo leaves that you brought . . . then we give the little one a special treatment."

Bob knew more than to question the jungle queen's command. A few moments later they were briskly rubbing the young maiden with the huge green leaves. Even she did not understand Sheena's plan but held back her curiosity in respect for Sheena's wisdom. The sun was sinking slowly and they had finished the strange task. It was then Sheena spoke.

"Now when the sun disappears we shall escort your spirit to the ceremony...."

"My spirit?"

Sheena smiled, "They will think it is your spirit for you will shine all over from a thousand lights. In the yomo leaf there is some strange thing that will cause you to shine. The wicked will flee in terror, but those who love you will rejoice in your return. By morning you may bathe and the glow will be gone."

Bob whistled in astonishment.
"You mean that old weed is phospherescent! Well I'll be . : Sheena, you're a wonder!"

In the early darkness they headed for the settlement. The feast had started and the ceremony came last. Between her two benefactors the native girl walked slowly, unable to grasp what was happening to her for she glowed from head to foot.

Suddenly there was a silence amid the tumult of the feast. Then a shout . . . a wail . . . and voices mingled in excited babble.

"They have announced your death, little one. Your mate cried out in anguish . . . they know not what to do. . . ."

"This is going to be worth seeing. Quiet, now, here we are." Bob waited for Sheena's signal, then he pointed for the girl to move on alone while they waited in the darkness for things to happen.

Fearing her not but crying out in joy, the girl's bethrothed rushed to her side, yet a frightened silence hushed the crowd. The three who had placed her in the Eever-Sleeping trance fell to the ground in a swoon of madness pointing the finger of guilt at themselves by doing so.

Smiling and happy, the glowing bride lost all doubts of being shunned and thereby became more strangely beautiful. She held her hand up to her friends bidding them to continue the feast and ceremony explaining that when dawn evertook them she would be herself again and relate her entire adventure.

Realizing the wickedness of the three that had swooned, the crowd hustled them off to a distant hut for judgment and punishment.

"I wouldn't have missed this for the world," chuckled Bob from the thicket where he stood by Sheena's side. "By the way, how's the ankle?"

"Ankle?" Sheena echoed vaguely. "Oh, yes, my ankle. . . Bob, doesn't she look beautiful!"

"I think she's the most beautiful girl in the world," Bob replied softly . . . ,but he wasn't looking at the bride when he spoke.

